



BROMSBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Annual & Extraordinary Meeting

7.00pm on Tuesday 20th June 2023 at Bromsberrow Village Hall

1. Present:

Cllr Chris Neville, Cllr Robin Launders, Cllr John Stephens, Cllr Roxanne Shayle,
with FoDDC Cllr Philip Burford and Cllr Gill Moseley (Gloucestershire County Council)

Also present: David Mills (Clerk) and five people

Apologies received: None

- 2. Declaration of interests** – Following conversations with the FoDDC Monitoring officer, Cllr Launders expressed concern that all members have pecuniary interest impacting on the value of their properties within the parish when conducting business covering Item 6 of this agenda. The council resolved to delegate the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk as the relevant authority under section 33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis is set out under section 33(2). Clerk duly granted dispensation to all councillors to enable discussion of matter under item 6 of this agenda and at subsequent meetings covering the same topic for the next two years.

- 3. Annual Meeting 2022/23** - Chair expressed thanks and recognition of the service of retiring Councillors David Hunter and Brian Lewis for their work for the Parish Council over a number of years.

- 4. Minutes of meeting 24th May 2023**– Approved and no Matters Arising.

- 5. Council agreed to pay the Clerk** an additional six hours work involved for 20th June 2023 extraordinary meeting and for additional time on item 6 below to be confirmed.

- 6. Update on priorities and actions on Quarry activities, progress of the ROMP and Parish Council responses** including replies to the eight complaints received from Nick Bainton, GCC Planning Officer. Following the headings below Cllr Launders gave an update on progress, further investigations then inviting members, District Councillors and County Councillor to comment. Attending members of the public also contributed with verbal evidence and back history. Detail on the discussion points has been covered in previous minutes along with the briefing information provided with meeting Agendas plus recent material provided to councillors by Cllr Launders.

- Letter to the Environmental Agency, agreed at the last meeting, sent to the reporting officer at the Environment Agency and a further request for a confirmation of receipt and a response sent on the 19th June 2023.
- Further quarry activities (e.g. skips have been moved to the bottom of the pit)
- GCC's responses re our 8 planning complaints (see briefing notes) and outstanding issues (see Discussion below.
- BPC further input to GCC's responses re 8 planning complaints (specific draft responses to be drafted by Cllr Launders for circulation before the meeting).
- Further Reports of suspected breach of planning control (Waste; Advertising)
- Planning law re time limits to enforcement action - report on recent discussions
- 'Planning gains', as referred to in GCC recent correspondence, discussion and update
- Ryton Road Quarry infill / Dymock collaboration.
- Health and Safety Executive involvement and H&S procedures being followed on site?

Overview and future actions:

- Council thanked Cllr Launders for the detailed research and investigation into all matters regarding the Quarry and ROMP developments and encouraged him to continue.
- Council agreed to support Cllr Launders, with the assistance of the clerk, to progress matters forward with the following provisos and action points:
 - 1. Proviso:** Confirmation that the Parish Councils overall objective towards achieving a completed ROMP as soon as possible with the proposed 'planning gains' with clear conditions, while accepting the quarry exists in Bromsberrow Heath for the winning of sand.

2. **Proviso:** Council recognise improvements in the proposed ROMP including the entrance, wheel washing etc., but question peripheral business activities in the quarry that have no planning consent. Cllr Shayle expressed concerns that 'Planning gains' identified in the ROMP could be lost if efforts to 'push too hard' on too many issues. Council agreed progress should focus on practical gains.

3. **Action:** Take reasonable steps to raise concerns with GCC Planning and ask why a scoping and screening procedure has not been implemented. Follow up on concerns over the development impact on the aquifer layer, the over extraction beyond the agreed depth and the potential impact on the water supply to over 27,000 homes.

The lack of an environmental impact assessment under the current ROMP application appears to contradict the expectations under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (EIA2017) under sections 6 and 8. Under the first of five stages outlined in the regulations, that as a schedule 2 project the local planning authority should consider whether it is likely to have significant effects on the environment. This would involve undertaking a 'Screening' procedure used to determine whether a proposed project is likely to have significant effects on the environment.

4. **Action:** Follow up with the District Council on suspected breaches of planning control with regard to advertised activities involving waste processing, running a skip and container business on the site.

5. **Action:** Respond further to the replies received from GCC planning officer regarding the 8 complaints. Question the unsafe legal opinions and the unfulfilled procedures that are a requirement of planning law and GCC planning enforcement plan.

6. **Action:** Contact Dymock District Councillor and raise awareness of the concerns regarding the Ryton Road Quarry infill on the aquifer and propose a coordinated review.

7. **Action:** Cllr Moseley agreed to request more human resources to be applied by the GCC Planning department to improve the quality and pace of responses to achieve a workable ROMP, planning control and monitoring of the quarry activities.

7. AOB

a. MVAS Camera remains in place in Bromsberrow Heath but lacks volunteers to maintain and recharge the batteries – Clerk to make enquiries on future options.

b. 30mph Repeater signs on Beach Road have been installed.

c. Road markings on Wood End Street and Beach Lane entrance are badly worn – Cllr Moseley to request action from GCC Highways.

d. Temporary road closure sign in hazardous positions on the A417 - Cllr Moseley to request GCC Highways to reconsider positioning.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Tuesday 28th November 2023

Signed:

Date:

25 July 2023